



Broadband Awareness Workshop

THE USDA RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS LOAN AND LOAN GUARANTEE
PROGRAM AND OTHER RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

MARCH 4, 2005

*Ballroom, Four Points Sheraton Hotel
1400 East Market Street
Harrisonburg, VA*

Come to a **FREE Workshop** and learn about the USDA Rural Development Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and its programs for financing deployment of Broadband and telecommunications services, including:

- **The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program**
- **Community Connect Grants**
- **The Distance Learning/Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program**

The workshop will provide detailed information on these programs for prospective grant and loan applicants and other interested parties. All are welcome to attend!

- **Discover what programs are available and what the eligibility and other requirements are.**
- **Determine which program is right for you and your community.**
- **Speak with Rural Development staff from Washington, D.C. and local offices.**
- **Consult with the Broadband Program experts about your specific project or application.**
- **Improve the quality of your Broadband loan application.**

Presenters will address specific information for prospective applicants on the Broadband Loan Program's application and requirements, including:

- **The Application Process**
 - **Business Plan and Market Survey**
 - **System Design**
 - **Credit Support Requirements**
 - **Financial Forecast**
- **Borrower Requirements**
- **Loan Approval Process**
- **Disbursement Process**
- **Loan Servicing and Reporting**

Please Register Today!

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How to Register for the Free Broadband Workshop:

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To register, please contact Sherrie Carter at Sherrie.Carter@usda.gov; 202-690-4673. Please provide attendee name, organization/company, address, phone number, and email address. Please indicate if you would like an individual appointment with the Broadband staff following the conclusion of the workshop. For information on the workshop, please contact Mary Campanola, USDA Rural Development, Washington, DC at mary.campanola@usda.gov; 202-720-8822. Media contact: Claiborn Crain at claiborn.crain@usda.gov; 202-720-1263.

Hotel Information and Directions

Call 800-708-7037 for reservations at the Sheraton. A block of rooms will be reserved for attendees; identify yourself as an attendee at the "USDA Broadband Workshop." Free parking at the hotel. Local phone 540-433-2521. Directions: **From West:** Take I-81 East to Exit 247 A. Get into the far left-hand lane, go to the first stoplight, and turn left. Turn left immediately onto the service road. The hotel is at the top of the hill. **From Washington Dulles International Airport:** Take Exit 9 to Route 28 South to 66 West to Interstate 81 South. Take Exit 247 A. Get into the far left hand lane, go to the first stoplight and turn left. Take the immediate left onto the service road. The hotel is at the top of the hill. **From Richmond:** Take Interstate 64 West to I-81 North. Exit 247 A. Get into the far left hand lane, go to the first stoplight and turn left. Take the immediate left onto the service road. The hotel is at the top of the hill. **From South:** Take I-81 North to Exit 247 A.

Agenda

8:00 a.m.	Refreshments
9:00 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks U.S. Congressman Bob Goodlatte
	Rural Development Programs Philip Stetson, USDA Rural Development Acting Director, Virginia Curtis M. Anderson, Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service
9:30 a.m.	The Broadband Awareness Workshop Ken Kuchno, Director, Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Service Deborah Jackson, Branch Chief, Operations, Broadband Division, RUS Farwa Naqvi, Branch Chief, Engineering, Broadband Division, RUS
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Workshop resumes
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break (attendees provide their own lunch; there is a restaurant at the hotel)
1:00 p.m.	Workshop resumes
3:00 p.m.	Workshop ends; Individual meetings with RUS Broadband staff and field representatives as desired.

NOTE: The Broadband Loan Application Guide will be provided at the workshop. You can also download the guide from the Rural Development website at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/broadband.htm>.

About the USDA Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program:

The USDA Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program provides loans and loan guarantees for the construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities and equipment for broadband service in eligible rural communities. Priority is given to applications that are proposing to serve areas where no residential broadband service currently exists. Information on the USDA Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program is available at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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